

where it might have been brought or to any district or division to which all parties have consented.” 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). “The statute permits a ‘flexible and individualized analysis’ and affords district courts the opportunity to look beyond a narrow or rigid set of considerations in their determinations.” *Research Automation, Inc. v. Schrader-Bridgeport Int’l, Inc.*, 626 F.3d 973, 978 (7th Cir. 2010) (quoting *Stewart Org., Inc. v. Ricoh Corp.*, 487 U.S. 22, 29 (1988)). The party moving for the transfer bears “the burden of establishing, by reference to particular circumstances, that the transferee forum is clearly more convenient.” *Coffey v. Van Dorn Iron Works*, 796 F.2d 217, 219-20 (7th Cir. 1986) (citations omitted).

Here, Arrington argues that the case should be transferred based on the interest of justice. The interest of justice, however, concerns factors such as “trying related litigation together, ensuring a speedy trial, and having the trial before a judge who is familiar with the applicable law,” *Jaramillo v. DineEquity, Inc.*, 664 F. Supp. 2d 908, 915 (N.D. Ill. 2009) (citing *Heller Fin., Inc. v. Midwhey Powder Co.*, 883 F.2d 1286, 1293 (7th Cir. 1989); *Amoco Oil Co. v. Mobil Oil Corp.*, 90 F. Supp. 2d 958, 960 (N.D. Ill. 2000)), none of which Arrington addresses in his motion. Nor did Arrington even propose a transferee court; as such, the Court cannot evaluate whether venue would be proper in the transferee forum. In any event, it is difficult to hypothesize how any other forum could conceivably be more convenient when (1) the incident giving rise to the action occurred in Fort Wayne; (2) all of the parties are located in Fort Wayne; and (3) it is likely that any witnesses would also reside in Fort Wayne. (*See* DE 4).

For these reasons, Arrington fails to carry his burden of establishing that a transferee

forum is more convenient. Therefore, Arrington's motion for a change of venue (DE 37) is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Entered this 2nd day of December 2016.

/s/ Susan Collins
Susan Collins,
United States Magistrate Judge